

# Newburgh CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Response to continuation of Covid restrictions

As the Prime Minister confirmed this week that social restrictions must continue for longer than originally planned we will need to make adjustments to the events planned for this term.

We had hoped to be able to come together as a school community from next week but children will now remain in bubbles with staggered drop off and pick ups continuing. We would politely request that parents maintain social distance on the playground and wear masks to protect our school community. Children should arrive on time – late arrivals may have a lengthy wait at the main entrance before we can allow access to the school building. Covid-19 is currently within our school community so we must remain vigilant to prevent the closure of our bubbles. Please note that notification of bubble closures will be through our School Jotter app so please ensure you have this downloaded and you have logged in to it.

Please see the attached letter from the Director of Public Health for Lancashire for more information about when to isolate and seek testing in Lancashire.

The changes to planned events are as follows:-

### New Parents Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> June

This meeting for the parents of children starting Reception in September has been cancelled. We will be sending home a pack of information for all families and updating our website in due course with most of the information from this meeting. We hope to hold a meeting for you all in September to go through the curriculum, reading, maths and how to support your child in their Reception year.



### New Starters Lunch & Transition Afternoon – 7<sup>th</sup> July

The New Starters Lunch for parents and children joining Reception in September has been cancelled. All Pre-School Nursery children will still be invited to spend the afternoon with Mrs Duthie in their new classroom and details for this will be sent out shortly. Current school children from Years R – 4 will spend the afternoon in their new classroom getting to know their new class teacher. As Year 5 will be remaining in the same classroom with the same teacher they will participate in 'Transition to Year 6' activities with our current Year 6 children.

### Sports Day – 9<sup>th</sup> July

This event will be going ahead. Children will need to remain in bubbles and we are planning to allow limited spectators. In order to facilitate this we will need to spread the events out across the whole day instead of the usual morning only. The timings will be as follows:-

9.30 – 10.30 - Reception

10.45-11.45 – Years 1 and 2

13.00 – 14.00 – Years 3 and 4

14.15 – 15.15 – Years 5 and 6

We will be sending out a separate letter with all the arrangements for this event. Nursery children will be having a separate Skillwise Sports event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July which will also have limited spectators – further details to follow.

### Nursery Sing Along – 12<sup>th</sup> July

As the current guidelines prohibit a Sing Along this event is sadly cancelled but we plan to make recordings of children performing that will go onto Tapestry for families to enjoy.

### Open Mornings and Afternoons

The following events have been cancelled:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 open morning

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 & 6 open afternoon

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 open afternoon

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 open morning & Year 1 open afternoon

The children in those year groups will be producing something to celebrate this academic year with their families and this will be shared with you during this week.

The Team Crane event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July is going to be modified and parents of those children will be contacted separately about this.



Year 6 Outdoor Performance – 15<sup>th</sup> July

This event is cancelled due to the limits of social distancing. We have consulted with our Year 6 children and they have chosen to have a film night instead which we will organise for them.

Year 6 Water Fight & Wii Bowling Competition – 19<sup>th</sup> July

This event will be going ahead for our Year 6 children and more details will follow about this.

Year 6 Leaver's Service – 20<sup>th</sup> July

This event will be going ahead in church. Two family members per Year 6 child may attend along with any siblings currently in Newburgh School. Family members must sit socially distanced in church. Children will be escorted back to school by those staff members who are present for the service.

Additional Risk Assessments will be put in place to facilitate all of the above arrangements.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards



**Rebecca Fowler**  
**Headteacher**

